



## Evaluation October 13 -14, 2004

1. What were the strengths of the meeting?
  - A lot of team collaboration and good discussion this session
  - Good information, well organized, laid out well
  - Support the individual in their family
  - The participation in discussion and the willingness to work together
  - Good information from Mike Walling; good discussions on all topics in the group
  - All information was good
  - Open discussion; friendly atmosphere; flexibility to change the schedule
  - The extensive discussion on first day and the Mike Walling presentation
  - Best meeting yet in story and dialogue
  - Presentation by Mike Walling, discussions, also enjoyed and learned information from Matt Cain
  - Feedback on open forums; discussion on provider meeting on 10/20; decision on what to call our family support model (i.e. PLANS); good participation by members of the whole group; Well organized decision on how to approach directors;
  - A lot of ideas
2. Was the material presented in a helpful way?
  - Overwhelming paper but yes, request another binder.
  - Yes
  - Yes
  - Yes
  - Yes
  - Yes
  - Yes

- Yes – loved the raw data on the surveys – very interesting reading – great inservice from Mike Walking
- Yes, the survey results were a little difficult to work with
- Great information that was well organized
- Absolutely
- Yes

3. Are there certain learning styles that you prefer?

- Visual is best
- Visuals. Graphs are great!!
- Just learn different ways to help each other with disabilities
- Visual – prefer to get information ahead to have a chance to process
- Overheads
- Visual handouts to follow along – open discussion
- Examples that illuminate a concept or model
- No
- Visual and handouts
- No
- No

4. What were the weaknesses of the meeting?

- Following time constraints and agenda
- Sometimes too much conversation that is not on task with the PLANS project, like personal ‘pets’ like facilitator and/or rentals. Sometimes going down 2 roads. When’s breaktime, BREAKS
- None that I can think of
- None – very good meeting
- Too long
- At times I have difficulty hearing (especially teleconference)
- Sometimes not enough time to think about decisions that were made; i.e. name of type of support – PLANS vs. Adult Community, etc.; adding a member (don’t disagree but I don’t think everyone got the impact); These are not big deals, or even complaints. Just observations.
- None

5. To improve future meetings I would...
- Allow more time for discussions in agenda
  - Try more colored copies or “tabs” on the reports pages, so it would be easier to follow along with finding the material
  - Organize the presented materials – the stack of papers inhibited the conversation at times
  - Could use a bigger or 2<sup>nd</sup> binder
  - Begin fleshing out the proposal and present some details; A project time line chart showing where we’ve been, where we are, and where we are going
  - More breaks, shorter duration
  - Ask members about new issues/considerations they may be bringing up prior to the meeting so that can be added to the agenda (I realize not all issues can be pre-planned, but this might focus our thinking ahead of time)
  - Do a reminder of People First Language. I picked up on it but even one of the visitors asked me about it.
6. After attending the meeting, is there specific information that you feel would benefit the group for this project?
- No
  - Try to stay on task
  - Would like more information shared about social security to the group
  - None that I could think of
  - I hear some members repeat several times they don’t understand community-based system and how they might be a little different. Could we invite a couple of agencies to present each time – like we did with CFI
  - At this point, someone who is knowledgeable on ADA contrast with what is being done now – either good or bad. Examples: Para-transit in Sioux Falls compared to ADA law operates on tighter rules, but still there are problems; or the contracting (building code) law which did not get passed in SD and most people didn’t or don’t know it’s a federal (ADA) law not a state law, so complaints would be federal not local
7. Other:

- Wanda Seiler's input is fantastic! Could our material be punched so we can fit it in our notebooks?
- Like everyone help each other learn how to help the person with disability and the person who don't have disability
- Everything was great!
- Good meetings – thanks for supper at Johnny Carino's!
- I feel more comfortable with the change in the agenda for the "Directors" next week
- I feel that Brooke and Lisa have done a good job taking information from the meetings and using it to keep the PLANS workgroup moving forward. Obviously a lot of work is happening between meetings.